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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 17, 2007**

This paper is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced case mailed October 17, 2007. A one-month extension of time is being purchased with this Response, making the Response date extended to February 17, 2008. February 17, 2008 fell on a Sunday, and the next business day, Monday, February 18, 2008, was Presidents' Day, a Federal holiday and the Patent Office was closed.

The next business day after that is Tuesday, February 19, 2008. The Applicant is also filing a Request for Continuing Examination so as to have the Response and Claim amendments entered and considered. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** – None.

**Amendments to the Claims** – The Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 4 of this document.

**Amendments to the Abstract** – None.

**Amendments to the Drawings** – None.

**Remarks/Arguments** – Remarks begin on Page 18 of this document.

**Attachments** – None.